

Bell companies operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country. I am a customer of a small ISP. They have provided a level of service I do not believe I could obtain directly from a LEC. I urge you not to effectively allow LECs to put such ISPs out of business.